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**JURY UNABLE TO
FIX THE BLAME**

**Noncommittal Verdict Returned
at Inquest Into Death
of Alice Poh.**

The coroner's jury, which yesterday morning conducted an inquest into the death of five-year-old Alice Elizabeth Poh, who was killed by a street car last Friday afternoon, did not place the responsibility for the tragedy upon fireman William M. Staton, but returned a verdict simply stating that his little girl came to her death by being run over by a street car in charge of W. M. Staton and V. M. Davis. The jury was composed of

arrangement on the charge of murder in Police Court to-day or to-morrow.

Many witnesses were placed on the stand and examined by Coroner Taylor and Attorney A. B. Guigon, of the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Without exception, they testified that the car was running slowly, and exonerating the motorman from the charge of recklessness. Statton himself did not care to take the stand, although the Coroner suggested that his testimony might be of assistance.

Mr. Guigon said that it would be useless to force the motorman to recount the details of the horrible accident.

Jacob J. Poh, the grandfather of the little girl, who lives at 6 Robinson Street, said that the girl was unusually cautious about crossing the car tracks and that he had been told that she was never known to attempt the crossing when a car was in sight. He said, however, that at the time of the accident, Robinson Street was badly congested with traffic and that he and from the recreation games in William Harrison Park, the passage of the street would have been dangerous for a grown person. He said he could not understand why the motorman had not stopped the child, but added that he bore him not the slightest animosity.

Among those to give evidence were: Mrs. A. W. Green, of 2517 Park Avenue; J. F. Green, of 205 North Robinson Street; Mrs. J. W. Green, of 13 North Fifth Street; Miss Lucy Welsiger, of 1207 Floyd Avenue; Miss Mary Goodwin, of 2306 West 12th Street; Miss Evelyn McDaniel, of 1303 Bainbridge Street; Mrs. Frankum, of 830 West Grace Street, and Miss Lucile Harrison, of 606 Willow Avenue, Barton Heights.

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